

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
Norihiko KAGEYAMA et al.)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: April 8, 2005)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	
PLANT FINISHED PRODUCT)	

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report in connection with the corresponding international application.

Foreign Patents

1. KASHIBA et al., European Patent Application No. 0 810 163 A1, published on December 3, 1997.
2. NOBUTERU et al., Japanese Patent Publication No. 09-220080, published on August 26, 1997.
3. KATSUNOBU et al., Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-242825, published on September 24, 1996.
4. TAKEJI, Japanese Patent Publication No. 04-330267, published on November 18, 1992.
5. HIROSHI et al., Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-089722, published on April 6, 1999.
6. HIROTOSHI, Japanese Patent Publication No. 03-119954, published on May 22, 1991.

7. HIDEKAZU et al., Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-120199, published on May 8, 2001.

8. TAKAHIDE, Japanese Patent Publication No. 04-327160, published on November 16, 1992.

9. HAJIME, Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-040287, published on February 21, 1987.

10. ISHIDA, Japanese Patent Publication No. 49-109162, published on October 17, 1974.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date April 8, 2005

By: 

Susan M. Dadio

Registration No. 40,373

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO & 1449B/PTO

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Application Number

Unassigned

Filing Date

April 8, 2005

First Named Inventor

Norihiko Kageyama et al.

Examiner Name

Unassigned

Attorney Docket Number

034100-005

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Country	Date of Publication (MM-DD-YYYY)	STATUS						
					Translation	Partial Translation	Eng. Lang. Summary	Search Report	IPER	Abstract	Cited in Spec
	0 810 163		EP	12-03-1997				X			
	09-220080		JP	08-26-1997				X			
	09-242825		JP	09-24-1996				X			
	04-330267		JP	11-18-1992				X			
	11-089722		JP	04-06-1999				X			
	03-119954		JP	05-22-1991				X			
	2001-120199		JP	05-08-2001				X			
	04-327160		JP	11-16-1992				X			
	62-040287		JP	02-21-1987				X			
	49-109162		JP	10-17-1974				X			

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.